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**From:** Mears, Mary [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=2CBBA571C57441B3BCE690C0BFBCDA2D-MEARS, MARY]  
**Sent:** 3/24/2016 9:40:00 PM  
**To:** Gratz, Jeff [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=c9d0ac17ee1841df989a98f6e416b962-Gratz, Jeff]; Pabst, Douglas [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ebf25f7c5f5742979f14fd9801bf15c5-Pabst, Douglas]; Anderson, Kate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=725e02f59a594613b4c8a8fa6035b6fe-Kander02]  
**Subject:** FW: Newark and lead

Nicole Kraft said she can't find this data in SDWIS and I don't know what to do with this inquiry. The good news is we can get back to him Monday. I asked NJDEP (thought my public affairs contact below) if they can figure this out, but I am not sure if they plan to.

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**From:** Considine, Bob [mailto:Bob.Considine@dep.nj.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 5:13 PM  
**To:** Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Newark and lead

They called us for an update on Newark schools last Friday. They have not called us since about anything related to the Wanaque Reservoir. I don't believe this reporter in particular has never called us.  
I'm also wondering if the sheet he's linking to has a typo for 2014 Wanaque lead results. It reads 19.3, as opposed to 0.019...unless I'm misreading it.

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**From:** Mears, Mary [mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 5:04 PM  
**To:** Considine, Bob  
**Subject:** FW: Newark and lead

FYI, Huffington Post asking us about Newark water. Looks like they were in touch with NJDEP.

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**From:** Arthur Delaney [mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 4:54 PM  
**To:** Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Martin, John <[Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov](mailto:Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Newark and lead

We have already been in touch with NDEP and the water utility and they funneled us to the mayor's office, which has been very cooperative but thinks our request for their lead sampling protocol is "stupid." Definitely want EPA's own take on the situation.

On Thu, Mar 24, 2016 at 4:50 PM, Mears, Mary <[Mears.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Arthur,

I have been in meetings, but I suspect this might be something NJDEP would be more directly involved with. We will look into it. I am not sure we will have an answer today.

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**From:** Martin, John

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 4:07 PM

**To:** Arthur Delaney <[arthur@huffingtonpost.com](mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com)>; Mears, Mary <[Mears.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Newark and lead

Hi Arthur. No worries. We're working on this.

**From:** Arthur Delaney [<mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:49 PM

**To:** Martin, John <[Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov](mailto:Martin.JohnJ@epa.gov)>; Mears, Mary <[Mears.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Newark and lead

John, I sent an email to Mary that I probably should have sent to you -- it's about water in NJ. Apologies to both of you for the mixup.

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From: **Arthur Delaney** <[arthur@huffingtonpost.com](mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com)>

Date: Thu, Mar 24, 2016 at 2:05 PM

Subject: Newark and lead

To: [mears.mary@epa.gov](mailto:mears.mary@epa.gov)

Hi Mary, we're doing a story about ongoing lead-in-water controversies in Newark, Philadelphia and Chicago.

Newark previously said its water problem was localized in public schools. We asked for more info about their lead monitoring and the city tells us its most recent 90th percentile, in 2015, was 10 parts per billion lead.

The city gets water from two sources that also do lead monitoring and one of them, the Wanaque reservoir, said it had 19.3 parts per billion lead in 2014. I wonder if the EPA is overseeing pipe replacement there under the lead and copper rule in the area served by Wanaque.

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